# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE





SB 50 - HB 434

February 27, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a court to issue a separate order of protection when the court modifies an existing order or makes the existing order part of the divorce decree. Requires the court clerk to forward a copy of any order of protection issued and any subsequent modifications to the petitioner, respondent, and local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.

## **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### NOT SIGNIFICANT

## Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 36-3-603 provides that any order of protection ordered by a court at the time a complaint for divorce is filed shall be extended until the court modifies or dissolves the order.
- The proposed legislation would extend the order until the court modifies the order, dissolves the order, or makes the order part of the divorce decree.
- If the court modifies the order or makes it part of the divorce decree, then the court shall issue a separate order of protection.
- Any order of protection ordered must be forwarded by the court clerk to the respondent, petitioner, and local law enforcement.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts reports that any impact on court operations resulting from the proposed legislation can be accommodated within existing resources.
- It is assumed that the court clerks and local law enforcement can accommodate any impact within their existing resources.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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